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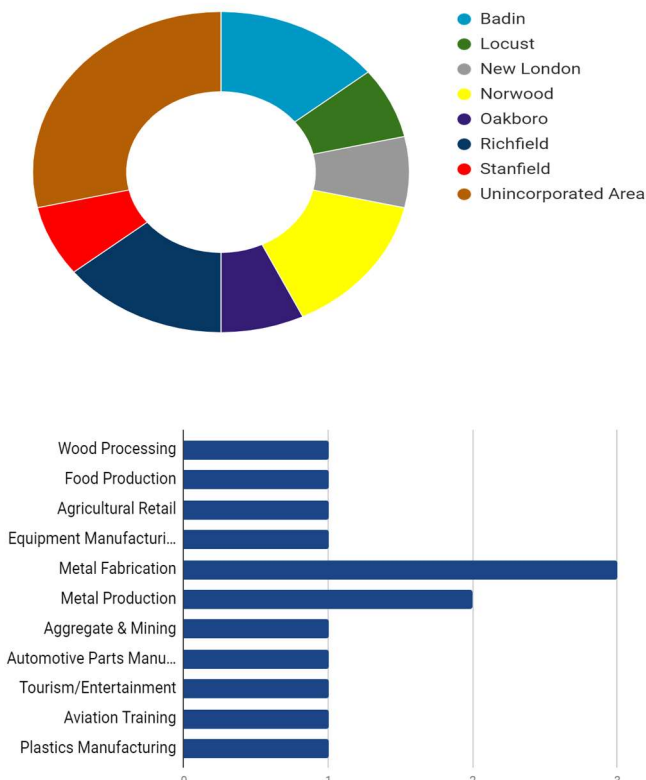
Economic Development Update

There were two (2) new active projects added in the past 30 days. The current number of projects with activity in the past six (6) months is fourteen (14). One project recently made a decision to invest \$8.1 million and create 40 new jobs at the Badin Business Park.

Staff responded to four (4) Requests for Information (RFIs) in the past 30 days. Three (3) of the RFIs were generated by the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC) and one (1) was generated by the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance (CRBA).

EDC staff made two (2) existing industry visits in the past 30 days.

Below please find a couple charts with the locations under consideration and the industry type for the active projects:



Crime Rates for 2020 Released

The NC State Bureau of Investigation (NC SBI) releases a Uniform Crime Report annually. The data includes an analysis of property and violent crime rates for all one hundred (100) North Carolina counties. Below please find a regional violent crime rate comparison for calendar year 2019 and 2020 and a comparison to counties of similar population size in North Carolina:

Regional Counties	2019 Violent Crime Rate ¹	2020 Violent Crime Rate ¹
Cabarrus	132.1	132.7
Davidson	165.3	190.2
Union	281.9	264.3
Iredell	266.9	310.4
Montgomery	293.3	313.8
Cleveland	137.7	342.3
Rowan	346.4	364.0
Stanly	327.6	386.4
Statewide Avg.	406.8	451.6
Gaston	414.4	523.5
Anson	578.5	751.2
Mecklenburg	688.6	759.6

¹ – Rate per 100,000 county population

Counties Similar Size Population	2019 Violent Crime Rate ¹	2020 Violent Crime Rate ¹
Lee	167.8	127.5
Duplin	147.0	209.9
Franklin	166.0	214.5
Carteret	186.8	219.8
Haywood	341.1	242.5
Chatham	212.8	250.7
Granville	318.6	278.7
Sampson	442.2	371.9
Stanly	327.6	386.4
Statewide Avg.	406.8	451.6
Edgecombe	931.4	1,118.4

¹ – Rate per 100,000 county population